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BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SC AND OBC
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 6.4% of the budget allocation of the Ministry has been earmarked for the development of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

(b) if so, whether only 74% of the budget allocation is being spent on the development of Scheduled Castes;

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide matching allocation for other backward classes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) 9.90% of the budget allocation of the Ministry has been earmarked for the development of OBCs during 2008-09.

(b) The allocation for the development of SCs during 2008-09 is 75.64% of the budgetary allocation.

(c) & (d) The allocation to various sectors is based upon the overall budgetary support and assessment of resources.